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SUBJECT: TRANSITION DEVELOPMENTS

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 3330

1. PRESIDENT-ELECT ANTONIO GUZMAN MET WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER FOR OVER AN HOUR YESTERDAY. GUZMAN GAVE SOME VIEWS TO THE PRESS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING, NOTING THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN AMIABLE AND A VERY IMPORTANT ONE FOR HIM.

2. ACCORDING TO GUZMAN, BALAGUER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE ELECTORAL PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED QUICKLY AND HAD BEEN CONFIDENT THAT THIS WOULD OCCUR WITHIN EIGHT TO TEN DAYS. BALAGUER, HE SAID, WAS AWARE OF THE CURRENT STATE OF SEMI-PARALYSIS IN THE COUNTRY. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO GUZMAN, BALAGUER SAID HE PREFERRED NOT TO ADDRESS HIMSELF TO THE NATION UNTIL THE JUNTA CENTRAL ELECTORAL (JCE) HAD PRONOUNCED ITSELF ON THE ELECTION RESULTS.

3. GUZMAN ALSO TOLD THE PRESS THAT BALAGUER HAD GIVEN  
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HIM A DETAILED RUN DOWN ON THE STATUS OF DOMINICAN INDEBTEDNESS AND ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, FIFTEEN NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AFTER SIX HOURS OF DEBATE, ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT SATURDAY NIGHT ASKING BALAGUER TO PUT AN END TO THE

"STATE OF DISQUIET REIGNING IN THE COUNTRY" AND  
"FACILITATE THE NORMAL AND EFFICIENT TRANSFER OF POWER  
TO THE LEGITIMATE WINNERS." THE SIGNATORIES INCLUDED  
ORGANIZATIONS OF DOCTORS, LAWYERS, ENGINEERS, ECONOMISTS  
AND OTHERS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE STATEMENT REJECTED  
"ANY MANEUVER TENDING TO DISTORT THE TRUE DIRECTION OF THE  
WILL OF THE PEOPLE AS EXPRESSED IN THE MAY 16 VOTING AND  
VERY ESPECIALLY, THOSE WHICH CONSTITUTE ABUSE OF THE RIGHT  
OF ELECTORAL CHALLENGE ('IMPUGNACIONES'), THE USE OF  
DILATORY TACTICS IN APPEALING SUCH CHALLENGES AND THE HIRING  
OF CHILEAN COMPUTER TECHNICIANS." VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT  
JACOBO MAJLUTA SAYS THAT THE PRD HAS NOW RECEIVED AN  
INVITATION FROM THE JCE TO HAVE A PRD TECHNICIAN WORK WITH  
THE CHILEANS, WHICH MAJLUTA SAYS WILL HELP A GOOD DEAL TO  
CLARIFY THE CURRENT SITUATION.

5. THE SANTO DOMINGO ELECTORAL BOARD IS REPORTED TO HAVE  
REJECTED SATURDAY NIGHT ALL CHALLENGES TO THE ELECTION  
RESULTS IN THE CAPITAL. THESE CAN OF COURSE STILL BE  
APPEALED TO THE JCE.

6. COMMENT: THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE HELPED TO  
LIGTHEN THE ATMOSPHERE SOMEWHAT IN SANTO DOMINGO. THE  
FACT THAT BALAGUER WENT OVER WITH GUZMAN THE SITUATION IN THE FIELD OF

DEBTS AND THE GOVERNMENT ORGANISMS HAS BEEN SEEN AS A  
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PARTICUARLY ENCOURAGING SIGN OF INTENTION TO MOVE TOWARD  
A "NORMAL" TRANSFER OF POWER. AT LEAST UNTIL THE JCE DROPS  
THE OTHER SHOE, HOWEVER, THE UNDERLYING SUSPICIONS BORN OF  
LONG DOMINICAN EXPERIENCE WILL NO DOUBT CONTINUE TO  
THROTTLE THE ECONOMY AND KEEP THE TENSION HIGH.  
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